(ii) Rolling Stock;

(iii) Container acquisition;

(iv) Information Technology;

(v) Handling equipment etc.

(d) The process has already started.

Satellite Railway Station in Thiruvananthapuram

1040. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to establish satellite railway station in Thiruvananthapuram;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to improve the present amenities available in Trivandrum Central, Ernakulam Junction and Kollam Junction railway stations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Satellite coaching terminal for Trivandrum to be constructed at Kochuveli at a cost of Rs. 8 Crores has been proposed to be included in the Railway Budget 2002-03.

(c) and (d) Upgradation/extension/renovation/modernisation of railway station is a continuous process and the same is undertaken subject to availability of resources and other relative priorities. Every year adequate allocations are made for this puupose.

Trivandrum Central, Ernakulum Junction and Kollam Junction are important stations & adequate passenger amenities exists at these stations. Further, these stations have been nominated as a "Model Station" for provision of upgraded passenger amenities. At **Trivandrum Central,** works like improvement to enquiry system, improvement to circulating area & parking area, improvement to illumination level, improvement to surface of PF no. 1, improvement

to retiring rooms RCC shelter on PF no. 4&5, CC aprons, improvement to water supply arrangements & IVRS are in progress. At **Ernakulum** Junction, works like provision of IVRS, raising of platforms, construction of new FOB, CC apron, construction of platform no. 6, provision of LED board for displaying information on train running & provision of food plaza are in progress. At **Kollam Junction**, works of provision of IVRS, provision of second class waiting room, provision of platform no. 7&8, provision of CC apron, replacement of corroded pipe lines and improvements to water supply arrangements, provision of new FOB and provision of Police Post are in progress.

Utilization of Waste land by the Railways

1041. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have prepared schemes to utilize waste land along rail tracks to generate funds for completion of pending projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the new ventures would start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir. Railways do not have any waste land. The land along the track is required by Railways for maintenance/operational use.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Unmanned level crossings in Punjab

†1042. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unmanned railway level crossings in Punjab;

(b) whether it is a fact that train accidents take place frequently due to unmanning of those level crossings; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.